FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

L. F. Circular No. 29, *dated* 18*th December* 1896.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DEPOSITS.

With a view to secure thorough check on Municipal Deposits, the Comptroller considers it necessary to issue the following instructions to the Presidents of the Municipal Boards.

1. Two registers should be maintained in the President's Office (in Form Nos. 41 and 30, Civil Account Code, Vol. I), the first of which will show all the deposits received and the other all the payments made therefrom.

2. Extracts from these registers will be submitted to the Comptroller every month in Financial Form Nos. 13 and 14, each item of repayment being supported by a carefully prepared voucher obtained from the payee in Form No. 31 of the said Code.

3. *Quarterly Certificate.*—At the end of every quarter a certificate must be recorded on the extract register of receipts by the President or other responsible gazetted officer under him that he has personally carefully examined the register and that the entries are made with the utmost care and regularity (Article 252).

4. *Statement of Lapsed Deposits.*—Deposits not exceeding one rupee unclaimed for one whole account year, balances not exceeding one rupee of deposits partly repaid during the last year and all balances unclaimed for more than three complete account years, will, at the close of June in each year, be credited to Municipal Funds by means of transfer entries in the Comptroller's office. Of deposits, or balances, thus lapsing, the President must submit to the Comptroller, with the monthly account for June, a list showing date of receipt, number of deposit, and balance at credit (Article 255).

5. *Account particulars.*—In July of each year a list of the balances still outstanding of deposits of more than one year's standing is to be made up (in revised Form No. 32, Civil Account Code) with suitable change of heading. Deposits reported for lapse under the preceding para 4 are, however, to be excluded from the Account particulars (Article 253).

6. The Presidents will take special care to insist on their Vice-Presidents to see that no moneys are unnecessarily placed in deposit, or allowed to remain there without good cause. Scrutiny in this particular should form an essential part of the examination of the officer certifying the quarterly statements. Sums which can be credited to some known head of account, and also the various items prohibited in Article 247 of Civil Account Code, should on no account be placed in deposit.

7. Forms necessary for rendering the monthly returns to the Comptroller may be obtained from the Superintendent, Government Stationery, to whom applications should at once be made.

8. Applications by claimants of lapsed deposits should be submitted for Comptroller's sanction with the President's recommendation. The amount, if sanctioned, will be charged to XI. Miscellaneous sub-head "Refunds" and not to "Deposits."

E. R. SUBRAYER, *Comptroller.*

INAM DEPARTMENT.

Notification No. 2, *dated* 15*th December* 1896.

Inamdars are hereby informed that (856) final title-deeds for minor inams situated in the Channarayapatna taluk have this day been forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan district, for distribution.

2. They are accordingly to appear to receive the same on receipt of individual notices from the Amildar of the aforesaid taluk, who is hereby instructed to issue such notices without delay.

3. The *ad interim* extracts already issued for the above inams are hereby declared to be cancelled.

J. P. GRANT, *Supt. of Inam Settlements.*

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

Notice, dated 21*st December* 1896.

It is hereby notified that Government, on the recommendation of the Conservator of Forests, have been pleased to sanction, as a special case, in Proceedings No. 2907-8—Ft. F. 107-95, dated the 14th September 1896, a reward of Rs. 50 to Doddegauda of Bendiganahalli village, Hoskote taluk, Bangalore district, for his services in connection with the prosecution and conviction of a certain individual who had been unauthorizedly collecting and trading in tanning barks.